## ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a client-server network, to an interpreter that can be installed on the server of the network, and to a method for operating such a client-server network. ~~[The invention is characterized in that files]~~ **Files callable by the client** are stored on the server ~~[which can be called up by the client]~~ and which~~[, according to the invention,]~~ comprise both language elements that can be run on the client ~~[as well as language elements that can be run]~~ **and** on the server. An interpreter is provided on the server which interprets the language elements **(e.g. SGML, XML, HTML),** that can be run on the server and which runs the same. ~~[According to a preferred embodiment of the invention, the language elements that can be run on the client correspond to a markup language, such as SGML, XML, HTML. When establishing these files, the user can then use known auxiliary means thereof]~~ **Known utilities can be used** to create the files~~[, which are normally common word processing programs,]~~ in order to provide individual applications on the server of the network~~[. Said applications can be called up]~~ by any client using a conventional browser. The invention is especially suited for controlling devices, in particular, ~~[printers and printing systems in addition to the corresponding pre-processing and post-processing devices due to the fact that the control intelligence is centrally stored on the server and, as a result, can be used by many clients. In addition, the data transfer between the clients and the server is held to a low level]~~ **printers/systems**. The invention is additionally characterized in that a trading of, for example, print jobs between a plurality of servers can be implemented using simple means.